

I would like to say that your forum on 2/28 on C-Span was great.
I would like to be heard, on the matter of ownership and localism.

From 1970 to 1985, I worked in the Magazine and Newspaper industry.
From 1986 through 1995 I worked in Radio as a Commentator and
Program syndicator.

In the Magazine business I was a distribution consultant to
companies like Guns Magazine, Road Test, Cycle Guide and may others.

I watched over 1500 companies who were called independent
distributors of magazines and newspapers dwindle down to
the number 3 currently in the USA.

I filed an anti-trust lawsuit in the Northern District of
Illinois that went to full trial under the chief presiding
Judge of the district in 1982-1985 Judge McGarr.

This suit was brought against the national distributors who were
setting up the table for the takeover of the Independent Magazine
and newspaper distributors.

One of the three companies who profited from this motivation was
based in Chicago and is one of the remaining 3 companies making the
decisions on what publications are made available on the newsstands
to the general public.

I see the same sceneario by the hands of some of the same companies
poising for the take over of the Broadcast airwaves.

If you would like an extensive history of these companies and how
they have taken over the Magazine and newspaper distribution
business, and with relaxed ownership laws, how they will do the
same to broadcasting, just reply and I will prepare such history.

Sincerely,
Edward M Mandel